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SUBJECT: MARCH COL INCREASES

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1. GOA HAS JUST RELEASED, FOLLOWING SOME DELAY, COL INCREASE FOR MARCH WHICH WAS 8.4 PERCENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED). THIS REPRESENTS ONE OF HIGHEST INCREASES IN RECENT MONTHS AND BAD NEWS FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH SEEKING RESTRAIN LABOR WAGE DEMANDS. THIS INCREASE FOLLOWS RISE OF 8.5 PERCENT IN JANUARY AND 4.9 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY. INCREASE COL INDEX (MARCH 74-MARCH 75) NOW RUNNING AT 68.3 PERCENT.

2. ALONG WITH COL INDEX, GOA ALSO RELEASED TO PRESS MARCH DATA ON WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (WPI) AND CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX (CPI). WPI UP 5.6 PERCENT IN MARCH AND NOW RUNNING AT 70.1 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE (MARCH 74-MARCH 75). INCREASE IN CPI WAS 15.6 PERCENT IN MARCH FOR ANNUAL RATE (MARCH 74-MARCH 75) OF 83.1 PERCENT.

COMMENT: ABOVE INDEXES INDICATE SEVERITY OF INFLATION PROBLEM NOW CONFRONTING ARGENTINA. AS LONG AS THESE LEVELS OF INFLATION CONTINUE, GOA WILL FIND IT POLITICALLY EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO INTRODUCE GREATER FLEXIBILITY INTO
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